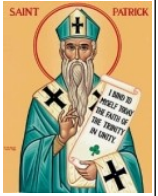


KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 18th October 2020 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21



Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our Mission Statement: 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

Our Vision Statement: 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



Homily by Richard Leonard SJ.

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case.

But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked

the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states.

The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous. We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, church-going people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

October ~ The month of the Holy Rosary



The word "Rosary" means "Crown of Roses", the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolise the Virgin Mary.

It is said each time we say a Hail Mary we are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary gives her a crown of roses.

The Rosary is considered a humble and simple prayer.

It contains the story of our salvation and it also gives us a chance to meditate upon the sorrowful, luminous, joyful and glorious mysteries of Mary and Jesus.

By saying the Hail Mary we are inviting Our Lady to say the prayer with us and she joins her prayers to ours.

The Rosary brings us peace and helps us to have a change of heart.

This is exactly the reason why we pray it.

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Sacramental Team: kccpsacraments@gmail.com



KU-RING-GAI CHASE
CATHOLIC PARISH
Diocese of Broken Bay, Australia

SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m² requirement]

St Patrick's: 100 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

Physical Distancing - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.

Saturday

WEEKEND MASSES

5pm

St Bernard's

6pm

St Patrick's

Sunday

8am

St Patrick's

9am

St Bernard's

10am

St Patrick's

6pm

St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's

8am

Mon, Tues and Thurs.

9am

Wednesday and Friday

St Patrick's

8am

Wednesday and Friday

9am

Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday

9.30 am at St Patrick's

Every Friday

After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS

ORDINARY TIME
Monday 19/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 20/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday 21/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 22/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Friday 23/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 24/10
Mass ad libitum
 Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish
 Remembers & prayers for...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Carney, Maryanne Weri, Kerrin Enright, Lance Roper, Anna Schiavo, Maureen Brophy, Kevin Carmody

ANNIVERSARIES: Bronia I Wladek Peiprzyk, Elizabeth Cleland, Bill Wilson, James Treacy, Victor Hinton, Patrick O'Halloran, Czesia and Hehiu, Seon & Jadwiga Piepriyk, Krystyna and Dionizy Piepriyk, Pam Spooner, Chrissie Butterworth

Please advise the office if names can be deleted

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Anne Brady, Sr Tincy Thomas, Nemia Camille Asiong, Stephen C C, Ann Cochrane, Marie O'Hare, Rodney Porter, Araceli 'Chichi' Datoc, Craig Sequeira, Shirley Kelynack, Judy Farrell, Dan Leavy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Pam Cosgrove, Alfredo R De Ramos, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Graeme Kachel, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Penny Rigor, Jaz Pitts, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Georgia Meyers, Rosalinda de Ramos, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakoczy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Kath Lock, Arlene Josen, Sam Calacoci, John Macy, Barbara Jones, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Alfredo De Ramos Sr, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay ~ [13 October 2020]

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.



In our Catholic tradition, the month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. It is particularly meaningful for us in the Diocese of Broken Bay because our Cathedral is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Parishes of Wyoming and The Entrance also enjoy the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary.

The Gospel reading for the Mass of the feast is Luke's account of the Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38). The Gospel recounts for us the moment when Mary is told that she will be a blessed Mother. The Church in her wisdom has made this moment part of our liturgical year, to remind us of this momentous junction in the story of our salvation.

During this October, I invite you to spend some time each day praying the Rosary. Try not to make it a series of repetitious prayers. Instead, see the meditation as a moment of encounter with Jesus, in the company of His Blessed Mother. If you are not used to praying the Rosary, it might be a challenge at first. Might I suggest that you begin by praying with someone else, or with your family after dinner in the evening.

Each mystery is designed to give us a sense of the wondrous moments when God breaks into human history and therefore into our lives. The mysteries remind us that God's entering into our history is not an abstract proposition, but a personal encounter. The Lord does not just come, He comes to us. And in coming to us, the Lord gives us this invitation, to become a fragrant sacrifice for the life of the world (cf Ephesians 5:2).

Nothing gives God more joy, my sisters and brothers, than hearing that someone has accepted the Divine invitation to live life to the full. And nothing gives the world more joy, true joy, than receiving the gift of Jesus Christ into our lives. This is how stupendous a moment the Annunciation is.

The medieval saint and scholar, Bernard of Clairvaux, beautifully spelled out just how important this moment was. In a prayer to Mary, written as if he were there himself, St Bernard wrote: *The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent... In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin... Abraham begs it, David begs it... This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet... Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the Divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.*

We know Mary's words in response. And with these words, Mary becomes both the Blessed Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and the model of discipleship for every single one of us. Like Mary, we are invited to be open to God, and say "yes" to God when we are called. Like Mary, we are invited to carry Jesus with us in our life, in the community of the Church, and to those that we encounter in the world.

In the words of St Paul, we "put on Christ" (cf Galatians 3:27), so that in our encounters with others, they may come to encounter Christ, and savour the life that God planned for the world from the very beginning. It can be an encounter with God through us, his humble servants.

This month of the Rosary is a reminder of the pivotal moment of transformation that can come with every encounter with the Lord, and the powerful transformations that occur when we respond to that encounter with Mary's yes.

May Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us all that we may come to recognise God's calling in every moment of our lives, and may we be granted Mary's courage to echo her words "Let what you have said be done unto me".

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. + *Anthony*



The October issue of the Broken Bay News

is at the printers and hard copies should be available next week. In the meantime, the digital edition is now online and can be viewed at: https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_october_2020_issue_207 This issue celebrates

- * One year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as
- * Testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood,
- * CatholicCare's services for domestic violence
- * The Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health.
- * Plus much more!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October:
The Laity's Mission in the Church We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Learning Hub: Prof. D Higgins, Diocesan Safeguarding Panelist, recommends the following to assist adults understand how the world appears from the perspective of children. The resource titled *"in their shoes"* by Anne Stonehouse AM and illustrated by Oslo Davis is located here - <http://www.in-their-shoes.com.au>

Your 'Tap' Helps our Parish 'Go' on. We deeply appreciate the financial support of the parishioners and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish. **No Cash? No problem!** One machine at Asquith is set to \$5 per tap and the other is set to \$10 per tap. Our single machine at Berowra Heights is set to \$10 per tap.
Thank you for your generosity.
 Donations made help to cover ongoing church maintenance costs.

The 250 Club! **Week 7: 13/10/20 ~ Winning No.: 171 ~ Amt: \$25.00 ~ C J Fone (Mungo)**

KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:
BSB: 062 784 Account: 1238 8001
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account
 ~ Please specify how to split your donation between the 1st / 2nd collections.

RECONNECT



"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."
1 Corinthians 12:12

Four members of our Parish Council have volunteered to head-up a new parish ministry. An **OUTREACH GROUP** has been established to build upon the existing community feeling within our parish and make it even better! This is in response to a range of concerns which have come to light during these difficult times and so, they will be reaching out to the isolated, lonely, bereaved and disconnected among us.

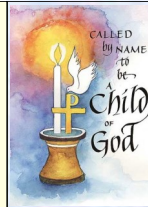
This group will be known as **"RECONNECT"**

It's motto is ... *"We are here for you!"* Its aim is ... **to listen, to talk, to care, to share.**
The team are ... **Moauli Griffiths, Freda Alaalatoa, Sue Lum and Jerome Gomez.**

Just so you know, you may receive a phone call from one of the above just to say 'G'day'. Fr Shaju has provided phone numbers to these "authorised PPC members" under the terms of our privacy collection policy and your privacy will be strictly guarded by "Reconnect" only being shared with others if you have given prior permission.

What we want to know is ... "Is there anything "Reconnect" can do for you?" eg ...

- * Assistance with meals
 - * A lift to Mass
 - * A regular natter on the phone etc,
- and you needn't wait for a phone call from them. To quickly engage with "Reconnect" please call the office (9456 2450) to be put you in touch with a team member.



Welcome to our Faith Family

Baptism congratulations to...

Maxwell Simon Foxe
who is to be baptised this weekend

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*Please keep Maxwell, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.*



*Parishioners and Clergy alike of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish extend heartfelt congratulations to*

*Deacon Aldrin Valdehueva*



once our seminarian, now an Ordained Deacon of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

*May Jesus the eternal priest walk beside you always Aldrin and bless your works abundantly.*

Know that we will keep you in our prayers as you continue your journey to the Priesthood.

## WANTED

### Senior Servers at BOTH Churches

If interested call the Parish Office on **9456 2450**

Even a commitment of just once a month would be appreciated.

### Personal Participation of the Eucharist

It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, "Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist". He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that "As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed...".



**Today Catholic Mission Sunday.** This year you are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



**Divine Renovation Australia** ~ Some exciting news regarding the Divine Renovation Ministry, with the establishment of an Australian arm of this ministry. Divine Renovation Australia is starting to take shape, with Kevin Bailey AM appointed as the National Co-ordinator.

This initiative will facilitate greater engagement with the Divine Renovation network and resources, as well as making connections with other parishes and dioceses around Australia.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The official Launch of Divine Renovation Australia will take place online on **Saturday 24 October**, 9:30am – 11:00am.

It's beginning to look a lot like **CHRISTMAS**



**Operation Christmas Child** ~ This year we again participate in Operation Christmas Child, a wonderful ministry teaching children about the love of Jesus and receiving gifts from shoeboxes. **Boxes are at the back of our churches today for collection.** Please return them by **Sunday 22 November at the very latest** as they will be taken to the warehouse the following week. Please contact Louise Dryden on 0405 556887 for information. *Thank you for your support.*

*Carols Under the Star*  
2020

**We are going VIRTUAL**  
Exciting details to come...

save the date  
**17 December 2020, 7:30pm**



**Position Vacant Accountant (Maternity Leave Position), Chancery**

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[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

**Position Vacant – Parish Secretary, Toukley Parish Part-time, 25 hours (5 days) per week**  
Please see the Diocesan website for the advertisement:  
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 24th / 25th October – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

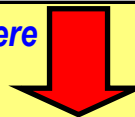
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

|                                    | St Bernard's Church                                                       |                  | St Patrick's Church                                                                     |                        |                             |                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|                                    | 5.00pm                                                                    | 9.00am           | 6.00pm                                                                                  | 8.00am                 | 10.00am                     | 6.00pm          |
| Acolyte / Snr Server               | Justin Berry                                                              | Barbara McMullen | Mani Subramany                                                                          | Sue Lum                | Malcolm Cross               | Vicente Sanchez |
| Reader (1)                         | Mark Dunkley                                                              | Sub requested    | Nuria Gonsalves                                                                         | Rosemary Pendlebury    | Jo Quinlan                  | Paul O'Neill    |
| Reader (2)                         | John Ryan                                                                 | Denise Harant    | Rionah Gonsalves                                                                        | Sub requested          | Sub requested               | Kerrie O'Neill  |
| Usher / s                          | Jerome Gomez                                                              | Paul Dryden      | Chris Smith                                                                             | Tess & Francis Lizardo | Michael Halliday/Sean Doyle | Les Fogden      |
| Sacristy Care/<br>Church Cleaning/ | Cecilia Waite (f), Ning Biyo, Reese Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Anne Bourke (s) |                  | Pat Smith, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lisardo, Leticia Wee |                        |                             |                 |
| Maintenance                        | Teams A & B                                                               |                  | October: Paul McLoughlin, Ronnie Tan - additional help appreciated please               |                        |                             |                 |

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.



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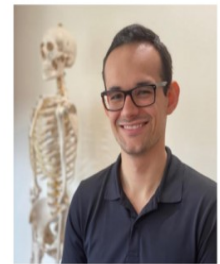
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**MOST  
IMPORTANT  
and  
No. 1 Rule  
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Capacity of  
our churches  
**100 in  
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60 in  
St Bernard's**  
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see your doctor



**Volunteer to  
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pews after  
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(37.5 or higher)  
\*Sore/scratchy  
throat  
\*Shortness of  
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\*Loss of smell  
\*Loss of taste  
\*Cough